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[Despatch Abstract.]

Allowance — Travelling allowance — Junior Engineers or Supervisors of Madras Electricity System who are in receipt of Conveyance allowance — Travelling allowance beyond 5 miles drawal — Sanctioned.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OPERATION ENGINEER (NORTH), GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT, MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS, to the Secretary to Govt., P.W.D., Fort St. George, Madras,
NO.5388-J/51-8 DATED 1ST AUGUST 1952.

SUB: ALLOWANCES - Daily allowance for Journeys beond 5 miles - Drawal of by Junior Engineers or Supervisors of Madras Electricity System who are in receipt of conveyance allowance - Sanction - Requested.

The Junior Engineers of Madras Electricity System are granted a conveyance allowance of Rs.20/- per mensen for performing journeys within their normal sphere of duty. At the time of sanction of the conveyance allowance the activities of the Madras Electricity System were more or less confined to the limits of Madras City and this conveyance allowance was fixed with reference to the programme of journeys that the Junior Engineers had to perform within the city limits. Since then the activities of the Madras Electricity System have expanded considerably and with the result that the sphere of duty of some of the staff viz. Junior Engineers and supervisors has extended beyond city limits. But the rate of conveyance allowance has not been increased consistent with the extra area that they have to cover now due to the expansion of the System. It will therefore be seen that the Junior Engineers will not be able to meet fully their expenses towards conveyance with the existing allowance which was sanctioned in the initial stages. Hence in respect of Journeys beyond a radius of 5 miles from headquarters the Junior Engineers were allowed to draw Daily allowance in lieu of proportions conveyance allowance for those days..

(2) In December 50, the Accountant-General objected to the payment of Allowance in respect of such journeys beyond 5 miles for the reasons that those journeys were performed within the sphere of duty of the Junior Engineers concerned. Vide. Accountant-General's letter No.T5-B.Elec.I.670 dated 7-12-50 and Superintending Engineer, Madras Electricity System reply thereto No.EC.II.5558 dated 23/24 -5-51 (Copies enclosed). In reply to Accountant-General's suggestion in a subsequent letter that the conveyance allowance may be revised with reference to the increased sphere of duty, he was informed that there would be some practical difficulties if his suggestion was to be given effect to. Now in his letter No.T5.B./Elecy. II.694 dated 8-12-51 (copy enclosed) the Accountant-General wants sanction of Government either,

(i) for revising the conveyance allowance in view of the increased sphere of duty or

(ii) for permitting the Junior Engineers to claim Travelling Allowance under the ordinary rules for journeys made to points more than 5 miles distant from the fixed point.

3. The revision of conveyance allowance on account of the increased sphere of duty will not be advisable in view of the rapid expansion of the Madras Electricity System and consequent increase of the jurisdiction of the Junior Engineers or Supervisors from time to time. For such a revision in jurisdiction of the staff who have to tour beyond the City limits will have to be determined with reference to their headquarters. Any specifie demarkation of jurisdiction as mentioned above will defeat the object of locating as far as possible all the Electricity Department offices and staff in the City at one Central place viz. 157, Mount Road, for the purposes of imparting necessary

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instructions for the quick disposal of business. Further by revising the conveyance allowance all the Junior Engineers and Supervisors whether they are having vast jurisdiction or not would be ~~eligible~~ eligible for the same concession. This would mean that the conveyance allowance paid will not be in proportion to the jurisdiction of the field officers.

4. If the conveyance allowance is revised a Junior Engineer with headquarters outside the City limits who has to perform journeys to the City for normal works and for getting pay etc. for himself and his staff is not likely to get any Travelling Allowance under ordinary rules. This would certainly mean hardship to the staff concerned. If the revision is made applicable only in the case of Junior Engineers working within the City that will result in discontent among those working outside the City limits. ~~Further~~ Further the objection now raised by the Accountant-General in the case of Non-Gazetted Officers is likely to be raised at a later stage even in respect of Gazetted Officers ~~if~~ is likely to be raised at a later stage even in respect of Gazetted Officers who are now drawing conveyance allowance.

5. In view of the various disadvantages involved in the ~~re~~ revision of ~~x~~ conveyance allowance, it is desirable to permit the Junior Engineers or Supervisors to claim Travelling Allowance under the ordinary rules for journeys made to points more than 5 miles from the fixed point. In cases where such Travelling Allowance is claimed under ordinary rules proportionate deduction of conveyance allowance will be made for the days of tour with reference to rule 19(2) of Part I of the Manual of Special Pay and Allowances Volume I.

6. In the circumstances, I request that the Government may be pleased to permit the Junior Engineers or Supervisors of the Madras Electricity System to claim Travelling Allowance under ordinary rules for journeys made to points more than 5 miles from the fixed point and also to authorise the Accountant-General to admit all such claims now held under objection.

7. Early orders are requested.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ABSTRACT

ALLOWANCE - Travelling allowance - Junior Engineers or Supervisors of Madras Electricity System who are in receipt of conveyance allowance-Travelling Allowance for journeys beyond 5 miles - Drawal - Sanctioned.

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G.O.Ms.No. 3743. dated 6--9--1952.

READ:

From the Chief Operation Engineer (North) No.5388 J/51-8 dated 1-8-52.

ORDER:

The Government agree with the recommendation of the Chief Operation Engineer (North) in his letter cited and permit the Junior Engineers or Supervisors of the Madras Electricity system to claim travelling allowance under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules for journeys made to points more than five miles from the fixed point in liew of the conveyance allowance admissible to them.

2. The Accountant General Madras is hereby authorised to admit all such claims now held under objection,

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Chief Operation Engineer (North).
" " Accountant General through Finace.

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R. Nagarajan 19.6.86

SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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